

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 23-26, 28-32, 34-36, and 43-54 will be pending in this application. Applicants notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 34, and 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 25, 28, 29, 32, 34 and 43 have accordingly been rewritten. The remaining dependent claims all depend from the allowed claims.

Applicants submit new claims 44-55, which also depend from allowable claims and correspond to previous claims as follows:

- 44 – previous claim 24, now dependent upon claim 28
- 45 – previous claim 25, now dependent upon claim 28
- 46 – previous claim 26, now dependent upon claim 45
- 47 – previous claim 24,
- 48 – previous claim 25,
- 49 – previous claim 26, now dependent upon claim 48
- 50 – previous claim 28
- 51 – previous claim 31, now dependent upon claim 34
- 52 – previous claim 24, now dependent upon claim 43
- 53 – previous claim 25, now dependent upon claim 43
- 54 – previous claim 26, now dependent upon claim 52
- 55 – previous claim 28, now dependent upon claim 43

Applicants respectfully request issuance of a patent containing these claims in due course.

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